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Regarding Applicant's arguments, Examiner continues to assert that clustering to divide allocation problems into simpler sub-problems as taught by Jameson equates to decompositioning a supply chain into a plurality of independent sub-problems of the claimed invention. Additionally, Examiner continues to assert that an allocation problem as taught by Jameson can comprise at least one of a demand forecasting planning problem (Example 1 on col. 19, a capacity planning problem is a demand forecasting problem), a service level planning problem (col. 6, lines 46-61, problem if meeting contractual obligations is a service level planning problem), and a replenishment planning problem (Example 1 on col. 19, a capacity planning problem over time is a replenishment planning problem).